

REMARKS

Upon entry of these amendments, claims 1-7 and 9-36 are pending in this application. No claim amendments have been made herein.

Formal Matters

Applicants would like to draw the Examiner's attention to the fact that the new attorney docket number for the above-referenced application is 27374-003.

Double Patenting

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1, 4-7, 9-15, 18-22, and 28-33 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 4-12, 15-23, and 26-49 of copending application USSN 10/715,776. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer over this copending application along with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, Applicants contend that this rejection has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 12, 13, 18-22, and 28-33 have also been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 9, 10, and 12-18 of copending application USSN 11/012,937. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer over this copending application along with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, Applicants contend that this rejection has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has found claims 2, 3, 16, 17, 23-27, and 34-36 allowable. (See Office Action at pages 3-4)

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CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any questions or issues arise concerning the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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